

**DECISION**



**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED STATES**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

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**FILE:** B-218436 **DATE:** April 10, 1985  
**MATTER OF:** Valicopters, Inc.

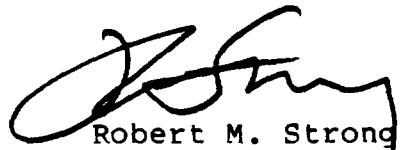
**DIGEST:**

Bid which allegedly mistakenly quoted zero day bid acceptance period where solicitation required 60-day minimum bid acceptance period is nonresponsive.

Valicopters, Inc., protests the rejection of its bid on solicitation No. DAKF57-85-B-0089, issued by the United States Army, Fort Lewis, Washington. We dismiss the protest.

The solicitation required a minimum bid acceptance period of 60 days. However, Valicopters states that it mistakenly inserted a zero in the space provided for the acceptance period of its bid.

A solicitation requirement that a bid remain available for a prescribed period is material and failure to comply with such a material requirement renders a bid nonresponsive and ineligible for award. See Gerentine-Cutrone Sand and Gravel, Inc., B-217249, Dec. 17, 1984, 84-2 CPD ¶ 679. Further, even if Valicopter's insertion of a zero was a mistake, this cannot be corrected after bid opening to make the bid responsive. Lane Blueprint Co., B-216520, Oct. 23, 1984, 84-2 CPD ¶ 454. Allowing correction in these circumstances would give the protester, which limited its acceptance period, an unfair competitive advantage over other bidders which offered the required 60-day period. Southwest Boat Corp., B-216026, Sept. 10, 1984, 84-2 CPD ¶ 276.

  
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